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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to 17 February 2009.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-6,9,20,21,28-33,38-41,51-55,59,68 and 70.
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
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8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

/David J Blanchard/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 1643

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

Election/Restrictions

1. Claims 1, 4, 9, 20, 21, 28-33, 38-41, 51-55, 59, 68, and 70 are allowable. The restriction requirement, as set forth in the Office action mailed on October 10, 2007, has been reconsidered in view of the allowability of claims to the elected invention pursuant to MPEP § 821.04(a). However, claims 42-50, 61-63, and 69, directed to patentably distinct antibodies remain withdrawn from consideration because they do not require all the limitations of an allowable claim. Claims 42-50, 61-63, and 69 are cancelled as being drawn to non-elected inventions, as set forth in the examiner's amendment to the claims below.

Information Disclosure Statement

2. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on February 23, 2009 was filed after the mailing date of the first action on the merits on January 4, 2008. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement has been considered by the examiner and an initialed copy of the IDS is included with the mailing of this office action.

3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Gary Tanigawa, applicant's representative on June 4, 2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

The claims have been amended to read:

1. (currently amended) An isolated human, humanised or chimeric antibody or antibody fragment, which antibody or fragment:
 - (i) binds to a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 1 of the C-terminal domain of Apolipoprotein E (ApoE-CTD) or the amino acid sequence of a part thereof;
 - (ii) binds to human plaques; and
 - (iii) comprises:
 - (a) a heavy chain CDR3 region comprising the sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 26, SEQ ID NO: 20, SEQ ID NO: 23, SEQ ID NO: 207, SEQ ID NO: 208, SEQ ID NO: 209, SEQ ID NO: 210, or SEQ ID NO: 512, or an affinity matured variant thereof;
 - (b) a heavy chain CDR2 region comprising the sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 25, or an affinity matured variant thereof;
 - (c) a heavy chain CDR1 region comprising the sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 24, or an affinity matured variant thereof;
 - (d) a light chain CDR3 region comprising the sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 35, or an affinity matured variant thereof;
 - (e) a light chain CDR2 region comprising the sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 34, or an affinity matured variant thereof; and
 - (f) a light chain CDR1 region comprising the sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 33, or an affinity matured variant thereof.
2. (previously presented) An antibody or antibody fragment according to claim 1, wherein said heavy chain CDR3 region comprises an affinity matured variant of SEQ ID NO: 26 having the sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 512.
3. (previously presented) An antibody or antibody fragment according to claim 1, wherein said heavy chain CDR3 region comprises an affinity matured variant of SEQ ID NO: 26 having the sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 20.
4. (previously presented) An antibody or antibody fragment according to claim 1 wherein said heavy chain CDR3 region comprises the sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 23.
5. (previously presented) An antibody or antibody fragment according to claim 2 wherein said heavy chain CDR3 region comprises an affinity matured variant of

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SEQ ID NO: 26 having the sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 207, SEQ ID NO: 208, SEQ ID NO: 209 or SEQ ID NO: 210.

6. (previously presented) An antibody or antibody fragment according to claim 5, wherein said heavy chain CDR3 region comprises an affinity matured variant of SEQ ID NO: 26 having the sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 207, SEQ ID NO: 208 or SEQ ID NO: 209.

7-8. (canceled)

9. (previously presented) An antibody or antibody fragment according to claim 1, wherein said polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of a part of SEQ ID NO: 1 comprises the sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 5.

10-19. (canceled)

20. (previously presented) An antibody or antibody fragment according to claim 1, wherein said ApoE-CTD polypeptide is a recombinant polypeptide.

21. (previously presented) An antibody or antibody fragment according to claim 20, wherein said recombinant polypeptide is biotinylated.

22-27. (canceled)

28. (previously presented) An antibody or antibody fragment according to claim 1, which binds to said plaques in the presence of VLDL.

29. (previously presented) An antibody or antibody fragment according to claim 1, wherein said VLDL is present in human plasma.

30. (original) An antibody or antibody fragment according to claim 29, which binds to the plaques in the presence of 25% plasma.

31. (original) An antibody or antibody fragment according to claim 30, which binds to the plaques in the presence of from 25% to 50% plasma.

32. (original) An antibody or antibody fragment according to claim 31, which binds to the plaques in the presence of 50% plasma.

33. (previously presented) An isolated antibody or antibody fragment which comprises:

- (a) the heavy chain sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 40 and the light chain sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 518 and/or 519 or
- (b) the heavy chain sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 40 and the light chain sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 520 and/or 521.

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34-37. (canceled)

38. (previously presented) An isolated antibody or antibody fragment which comprises:

- (a) the heavy chain CDR1 sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 24, the heavy chain CDR2 sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 25 and the heavy chain CDR3 sequence shown in any one of SEQ ID NOS: 207, 209 and 210; and
- (b) the light chain CDR1, CDR2 and CDR3 sequences shown in SEQ ID NOS: 33, 34 and 35, SEQ ID NOS: 219, 247 and 269, SEQ ID NOS: 226, 252 and 275 or SEQ ID NOS: 218, 34 and 268.

39. (previously presented) An antibody or antibody fragment according to claim 38, wherein the heavy chain CDR3 region comprises the sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 210 and the light chain comprises the sequences shown in SEQ ID NOS: 33, 34 and 35, the heavy chain CDR3 region comprises the sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 209 and the light chain comprises the sequences shown in SEQ ID NOS: 219, 247 and 269 or SEQ ID NOS: 218, 34 and 268, or the heavy chain CDR3 region comprises the sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 207 and the light chain comprises the sequence shown in SEQ ID NOS: 226, 252 and 275.

40. (previously presented) An antibody or antibody fragment according to claim 38, wherein the heavy chain comprises the sequence shown in any one of SEQ ID NO: 317, 318 or 319.

41. (previously presented) An antibody or antibody fragment according to claim 38, wherein the light chain comprises the sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 43, 295, 294 or 304.

42-50. (canceled).

51. (previously presented) An antibody or antibody fragment according to claim 1, wherein said antibody is an IgG.

52. (previously presented) An antibody or antibody fragment according to claim 1, wherein said antibody fragment is a Fab fragment or scFv.

53. (previously presented) An antibody or antibody fragment according to claim 1, which is a monoclonal antibody.

54. (previously presented) An antibody or antibody fragment according to claim 1, which is a humanised antibody.

55. (previously presented) An antibody or antibody fragment according to claim 1, which is chimeric.

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56-58. (canceled)

59. (previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising an antibody or antibody fragment according to claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent.

60-67. (canceled)

68. (previously presented) A kit for detecting ApoE-CTD, which kit comprises an antibody or antibody fragment according to claim 1 and means for detecting said an antibody or antibody fragment.

69. (canceled)

70. (previously presented) An antibody or antibody fragment according to claim 1, which is a human antibody.

The specification has been amended as follows:

Page 75 lines 11-31 have been replaced with the following paragraphs:

Indeed, preliminary IHC data shows that four of these Fabs possibly bind to tissue in AD patients. These four Fabs all bind to peptide 4 and not to the overlapping peptides, suggesting that they recognise similar (overlapping) epitopes (group 1), probably epitope containing amino acids of LVEDMQRQ (SEQ ID NO: 12) or a secondary structure only present in peptide 4 and plaques.

Two other Fabs, positive in IHC and selected on peptide 4, bind to peptides 4 and 9 and to a conformation that is not present or not as prevalent in bCTD. Possibly the epitope for these two antibodies include sequence MQRQWAGL (SEQ ID NO: 13, group 2).

Another Fab possibly positive in IHC, selected on peptide 9, only recognises peptide 9 and not overlapping peptide nor bCTD and could recognise either the epitope WAGLVEKV (, SEQ ID NO: 14) or a conformation only present in peptide 9 (group 3) and plaques.

One Fab binds to peptide 1, 6 and bCTD. This epitope (RTRDRRLDE, SEQ ID NO: 15) is not predicted to be inside of the binding site of VLDL (group 4).

Two antibodies, obtained from selections on peptides 4 and 9, recognise both peptides (epitope MQRQWAGL, SEQ ID NO: 13) and CTD and therefore are different from Fabs of group 2 (group 5).

One antibody, selected to peptide 8, binds to peptide 4, 8 (epitope WFEPLVED, SEQ ID NO: 16) and bCTD (group 6).

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5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ANNE M. GUSSOW whose telephone number is (571)272-6047. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 5 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Larry Helms can be reached on (571) 272-0832. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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